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SUBJ: PRG AND KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUES AT LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 126776, ISLAMABAD 5503

1. AS INSTRUCTED IN STATE REFTEL, POL COUNSELOR JUNE 19
RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PRG AND KHMER REPRESENTATION
AT CARACAS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WITH MFA LEGAL
ADVISOR A. G. CHAUDHARY. (OFFICIAL WHO NORMALLY HANDLES
THESE ISSUES, MFA DIRGEN FOR UN AFFAIRS M. A. BHATTY, IS
IN KUALA LUMPUR FOR ISLAMIC FM CONFERENCE ALONG WITH
FOREIGN SECRETARY AND OTHER SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS.)

2. POL COUNSELOR OUTLINED US POSITION ON PRG AND GRUNK
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ISSUES, DRAWING ON ARGUMENTATION PARAS B AND C STATE 121451.

CHAUDHARY INITIALLY EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT WE EXPECTED ISSUES MIGHT BE RAISED AT CARACAS, SAYING HE THOUGHT MATTER WAS SETTLED AT NEW YORK LAST DECEMBER. POL COUNSELOR STRESSED THAT THIS WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING AS WELL, BUT THAT WE WERE CONCERNED SOME DELEGATIONS MIGHT ATTEMPT REOPEN QUESTION. IF THIS HAPPENED, WE HOPED WE COULD COUNT ON PAKS TO ABSTAIN ON GRUNK AND OPPOSE PRG REPRESENTATION. CHAUDHARY REPLIED THAT GOP WOULD GIVE THIS REQUEST EVERY CONSIDERATION. AT SAME TIME, FOR REASONS FAMILIAR TO US, HE DOUBTED GOP WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE ITS ESTABLISHED POSITION ON THESE ISSUES. SINCE GOP RECOGNIZED GRUNK AS SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOT TO SUPPORT ITS PRESENCE AT INTERNATIONAL GATHERING. AS FOR VIETNAM, PAKS DID NOT RECOGNIZE PRG, MAINTAINED HANDS-OFF ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAM, AND SAW ABSTENTION AS BEST COURSE.

3. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE REPORTED, GOP POSITION ON KHMER AND PRG ISSUES IS DICTATED NOT BY ABSTRACT PRINCIPLES BUT BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, WITH DESIRE TO ACCOMMODATE CHINA A KEY FACTOR. WITH GOP POSITION ON BOTH ISSUES ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED, PAKS PRESUMABLY FEEL THAT ANY SHIFT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE TAKEN BY CHINESE AS MOVE AWAY FROM THEM, AN IMPRESSION PAKS ARE ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS NOT TO CREATE. BYROADE

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